

Resume

Linda Thurston

EDUCATION:

B. S. in Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution, Department of Biology, U.C. San Diego. Graduated June 1995.

M. S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University. Date of graduation: January 2001.

EXPERIENCE:

Gray Wolf Recovery Project, Yellowstone National Park, Intern and Graduate Student. Assisted with management operations including capture, handling and release of gray wolves.

Organized a 3-year wolf den monitoring study, coordinated up to 12 field personnel, made behavioral observations, and tracked wolves using radio-telemetry. Implemented and maintained a remote automated telemetry system for den monitoring.

Assisted with other studies including predator/prey relationships and wolf-wildlife interactions that included aerial telemetry.

Guided media and scientists to observe wolves. *4/96 to present*







Yellowstone Ecosystem Studies, Yellowstone National Park, Field Technician. Trapped and processed coyotes in the field including radio-collaring, collecting blood, ear tagging, assisting with tooth extraction, and monitoring vitals. Administered tranquilizers, sedatives, and antibiotics. *9/99 to 10/99*

Great Plains Wildlife Institute, Jackson, Wyoming, Biological Field Technician. Initiated a coyote territory mapping study using vocalization playbacks. Trained community members in data collection. Surveyed a porcupine population during winter. *1/96 to 3/96*

U. C. Davis Animal Behavior Program, U. C. San Diego Biology Department, Research Assistant in Costa Rica. Assisted Ph.D. candidate studying yellow nape parrots: Captured and radio-collared parrots, took measurements, weights, and feather samples. Radio-tracked parrots and recorded behavioral data. Assisted post-doctoral student studying relationship between parasites and testosterone levels in black iguanas, including capturing, collecting blood, and marking iguanas. Determined territories and dominance hierarchies through behavioral observations. *9/94 to 12/94*

Scripps Institute of Oceanography, U. C. San Diego, Lab Assistant. Maintained zooplankton collection specimens and computer database. Collected zooplankton on a 10-day research cruise in the Pacific Ocean. *11/92 to 3/93*

TRAINING:

-  Veterinarian Wildlife Handling Course, Instructor: Mark Johnson, DVM
-  Wildlife Capture & Handling Course: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 10/00
-  Mammal Tracking Course, Instructor: Dr. James Halfpenny
-  Helicopter/Fixed Wing Safety, 3/98
-  First Responder first aid (exp. 11/02), Wilderness First Aid (exp. 12/03), & CPR (exp. 11/02)
-  Snowmobile Safety Training, 5/98
-  Advanced Scuba License, no exp.
-  Avalanche Safety Training, 1/98



Arc View training, 11/99



Swift Water Rescue, no. exp.



Software: Excel, Access, Statview, Cricket , Power Point, Word, and Word Perfect.

WRITING:

Summary reports to accompany an educational video production, Yellowstone Wolves: Predation (1/98), A History of the Rose Creek Wolf Pack, and A History of the Crystal Creek Wolf Pack.

The Buffalo Chip (8/98): Studies of Wolf Denning Behavior in Yellowstone National Park